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Duquesne University and University of Pittsburgh Jointly Observe *Brown*



*Brown v. Board of
Education:*
50-year Commemoration,
March 26, 2004



This will be one of the nation's preeminent legal/historical retrospectives observing the golden anniversary of *Brown*. It will bring together in Pittsburgh many individuals who played key roles in the dramatic events related to the *Brown* decision and its aftermath.

Among the participants: Julian Bond, Chairman of the NAACP; civil rights activist Minnijean Brown, one of the "Little Rock Nine" escorted to high school in Arkansas by the National Guard in 1957; Vivian Malone Jones, the student barred at the schoolhouse door in Alabama by then-Governor George Wallace; Willie Shepperson, plaintiff in the 1964 *Griffin v. Prince Edward County* case; Joseph A. DeLaine, Jr., member, *Brown v. Board of Education* 50th Anniversary Commission.

Finally, special guests include Charles Hamilton Houston, Jr., and John Marshall, Thurgood Marshall's youngest son. At the conclusion of the program, these guests will reflect upon the *Brown* anniversary and accept posthumous presidential citations. Complimentary tickets for that event can be obtained by e-mail at universityevents@duq.edu or by contacting the Brown-Pittsburgh Commemoration hotline at 412-396-5131.

Georgia Law's First Female African-American Grad Salutes *Brown*

The University Of Georgia School Of Law plans a panel discussion and commemorative dinner Wednesday, April 7, 2004. The event will focus on the impact this decision has had on the integration of education and specifically on the School of Law. The panel will include: Robert Benham, Chester Davenport, Francys Johnson and Horace Ward. Sharon "Nyota" Tucker, Georgia Law's first female African-American graduate, will deliver the keynote. For more information contact: hmurphy@uga.edu or visit the [website](#).

MEDIA MENTIONS OF *BROWN*...

Worth noting: *Education Week* has embarked on a [five-part series](#) on "*Brown* at 50: The Unfulfilled Promise." In part 3, the magazine examined "Chicago Hispanics Fight for Good

Schools."

COMMISSIONER PROFILE

Kenneth L. Marcus has been delegated the authority of the Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights. In that position, Mr. Marcus is the principal civil rights advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Education, and oversees the nationwide administration of civil rights laws relating to educational institutions. He is a graduate of Williams College and the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall).



"For all Americans, Brown v. Board of Education has been the most important jurisprudential advance since Marbury v. Madison. It was the inspiration for much of the progress that we have made in the last half century and will continue to inspire us as we approach the tasks which, still to this day, remain unfinished."

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